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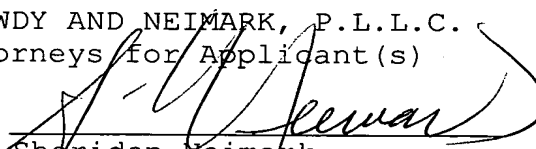
In accordance with the requirements of the Patent and Trademark Office, The applicants hereby make inquiry as to the status of the above-identified application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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